

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1915

STRAUS CHOSEN  
BY WHITMAN IN  
M'CALL'S PLACE

Albany, Dec. 10.—Oscar S. Straus of New York, who was the Bull Moose candidate for governor in 1912, was named by Gov. Whitman yesterday to succeed Judge Edward B. McCall as a member and chairman of the Public Service Commission for the First District.

Mr. Straus has accepted the appointment and will begin his new duties a week from next Monday. The governor made it plain that Mr. Straus, who will be 65 years old on December 23, was reluctant to accept the appointment. Since Tuesday morning, the day after the announcement of Judge McCall's removal, the governor had been trying to get Mr. Straus to accept, but he had declined to consider it until 10 o'clock yesterday morning. At that time Governor Whitman talked with him over the telephone and finally persuaded him.

It was suggested in political circles here that the appointment would not prove acceptable to the organization Republicans, but Gov. Whitman expressed the belief that the organization would endorse the appointment when it comes before the State Senate for confirmation in January.

"Does the appointment of Mr. Straus mean that you are breaking away from the Republican organization?" was a question put to the governor.

Seeking Best Man.  
"It means nothing more than that I am making a sincere effort to get the very best man possible regardless of whether they are endorsed by the organization or not. I do not see how my appointment of Ordway, Duffey, Pratt and the rest can show anything different. If the Republican organization puts up a good man I shall accept him, but I do not propose to be bound by any suggestions the organization may make. The organization certainly had no part in the appointment of Mr. Straus, but I have no doubt it will endorse the appointment."

THREE BIG WHEAT  
ELEVATORS BURN  
LOSS IS \$750,000

Erie, Pa., Dec. 10.—Two of the three Anchor Line elevators, owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., here were destroyed by fire early today with their contents, about 500,000 bushels of wheat. The loss is estimated at about \$750,000. A third elevator containing 300,000 bushels of wheat was saved after a hard fight by firemen. The wheat came from Canada and awaited shipment to Great Britain and her allies.

The fire, which started at 2 o'clock this morning, was virtually under control four hours later. It had its origin in the shaft of the main elevator and was driven by a strong northeast wind into the grain bins below. The firemen were handicapped by a maze of railroad tracks on which were many freight cars.

The elevators stood on the shore of Erie Bay. Several scammers at the piers were saved by being towed into the bay. An investigation of the origin of the fire will be requested. No other cause than spontaneous combustion has yet been ascribed.

COURAGEOUS BRITISH  
FISHERMEN PRAISED IN  
GOVERNMENT REPORT

London, Dec. 10.—A tribute to the patriotism, courage and energy of the British fishermen is contained in the government's annual report on sea fisheries for 1914.

No industry, says the report, has been so greatly affected by the war as sea fishing, and "when the history of the war is written, the country will realize as it never has before, the supreme value to an island maritime power of an organized fishing industry and a daring fishing population." Notwithstanding the limitation of fishing waters by naval regulations, mine fields and German submarines, there were landed in England and Wales in 1914 some 10,125,000 cwt. of fish exclusive of shell fish, of the value of \$39,235,000 as against 16,152,000 cwt. in 1913, valued at \$50,045,000. The shell fish catch dropped from 1,075,000 cwt. in 1913 to 1,445,000 in 1914.

A. O. H. MINSTRELS IS  
HIT AT EAGLES' HALL

Division No. 1, A. O. H., gave a successful minstrel show last evening at Eagles' hall. William Toomey's monologues, the repartee between him and Thomas Lynch and the general excellence of the chorus helped make the affair a pleasing one.

"Mike" Broderick and Bernard Monahan pleased the crowd with their specialties. Broderick's recitation entitled "If the Germans capture Dublin and the Kaiser is Lord Mayor," was of his own composition and made a hit with the crowd. "She Might Have Liked McCall" by "She Can't Lie," by "Monahan" and "Spent Flynn," rendered by "Tom" Lynch, were two old fashioned Irish ditties that brought down the house. Every soloist on the program has to respond to repeated encores and at the conclusion of the performance the spectators voted the minstrel one of the most successful, financially, instrumentally and vocally presented in this city in some time.

Eagles' hall was crowded to the doors when the curtain went up and no doubt there will be a record crowd to witness the performance this evening when it will be presented for the second and last time. The performance will begin at 8:15 and will conclude about 9:45. Dancing will follow until midnight.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word

POLICE HEAD GIVES  
DONT'S TO LESSEN  
AUTO KILLINGS

New York, Dec. 10.—"The police department is doing all in its power. The only remedy for this condition is in the education of the public, in the centralization of power over chauffeurs and in improving the city's streets."

This was the reply of Police Commissioner Woods yesterday when asked what he was going to do to stop the killing of pedestrians by automobiles and other vehicles. According to the records of the National Highway Protective society, 450 persons were killed in this manner this year.

Figures made public by the Commissioner yesterday show there must be added to these fatalities 20,000 street accidents which did not result in death, but many of which were serious. The commissioner said automobiles, which were responsible for more than half the deaths caused by vehicles, caused an even larger proportion of non-fatal accidents.

The commissioner declared that both pedestrians and drivers were to blame for fatalities. With the help of his traffic experts he prepared for the instruction of both classes a set of "dons," which he said would largely eliminate the slaughter if they were observed. The "Dont's" are:

For Pedestrians:

"Don't let your familiarity with traffic breed contempt for its dangers. Very few out-of-town visitors are killed or injured on our streets; they are cautious.

"Don't forget that if you are carrying a large bundle or an open umbrella, part of your view may be cut off. Keep your eyes and ears open.

"Don't vacillate on the approach of a vehicle. The driver will be better able to avoid striking you if you act normally.

"Don't forget that carelessness, thoughtlessness, undue haste and recklessness are the causes of most accidents.

"Don't forget that the proper place to cross the street is at the crosswalks during the time that traffic is moving in the direction in which you are going.

"Don't day-dream when crossing the street; you are likely to wake up in the hospital.

"Don't jump on or off a moving car.

"Don't try to anticipate what a driver is going to do, whether he is going to stop or start. Give him sufficient space to pass you."

For Chauffeurs:

"Don't imagine that you are a careful driver because you happen to toot your horn at a pedestrian crossing front of you.

"Don't lose sight of the fact that the pedestrian is also permitted to use the roadway.

"Don't forget that children must play and that the streets are sometimes the only place where they can play. It is expected that you will be on the lookout for them and be prepared to stop instantly if one runs in front of you.

"Don't forget that the operator of a motor vehicle has the same responsibility as the engineer of a train, as far as attention to driving is concerned.

"Don't fail to anticipate that persons will cross at the crossing and that you must slow down and have your vehicle well under control at these places.

"Don't imagine that traffic regulations were made for everybody but yourself.

"Don't race home after your day's work. This practice caused most of the wagon accidents last year.

"Don't fail to examine your brakes occasionally to see that they are in good working order.

"Don't forget that you cannot stop as quickly on a down grade or on a slippery pavement as under ideal conditions.

"Don't, if you are in a hurry, try to make up time across the street crossings; go slow there and make up time between blocks.

"Don't leave a motor vehicle unguarded so that a child can throw in first speed."

Arrests Are No Deterrent.

The commissioner declared that arrests had failed to teach the drivers of motor cars their duties. He said the courts have been too lenient with offenders. He advocated legislation that would give the police greater power, especially over owners of cars.

"I believe," said the commissioner, "that subway sidewalks will eventually have to be constructed at congested points and at avenue crossings. We ought also to tear down back yard fences and turn yards and roofs into playgrounds for children, then keep them from playing in the street."

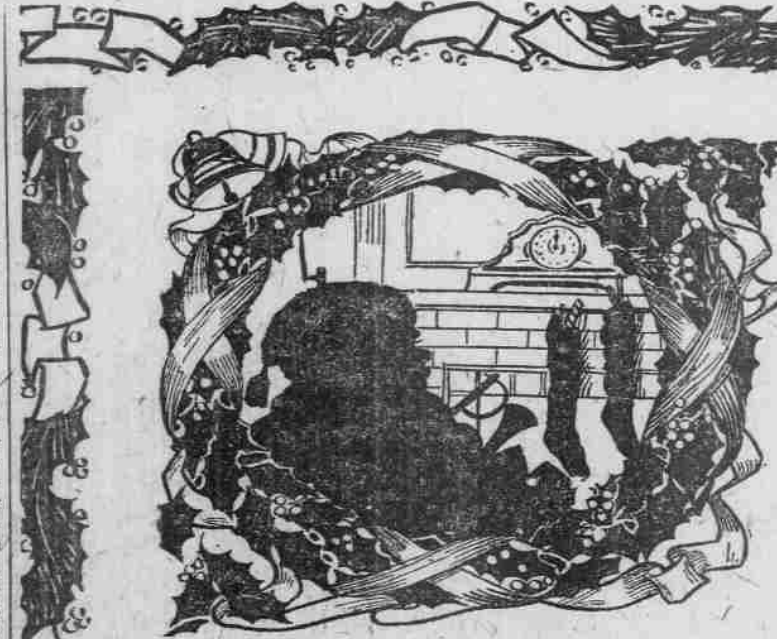
ALLIED ARMY IN SERBIA  
FACES GRAVE DANGERS

London, Dec. 10.—All the morning newspapers comment on what they characterize as the grave situation of the entente forces in Serbia. The Saloniki correspondent of the Chronicle, describing the Bulgarian attacks, says:

"Fairly important Bulgarian forces are engaged, and the fighting much more resembled that of the previous Balkan war than the operations now in Flanders and France. The country is rough and mountainous, and mists greatly facilitate what is really guerrilla warfare. On different occasions a suddenly lifting mist has the Bulgarians in a very exposed position close to the British front which has allowed the British Maxims to get into action and inflict heavy losses.

"I believe that the withdrawal and retreat of the Allies' line has given up nothing of material importance but was undertaken in order to strengthen the land placed in exposed positions."

Acting on the request of District Attorney Perkins, Governor Whitman granted a respite to William Flack, sentenced to die at Sing Sing during the week beginning Dec. 20. Flack may be needed as a witness in another case.



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GERMANS DENY LOSS  
OF FIGHTING VESSELS

London, Dec. 10.—A German official statement received here from Berlin declares that the reports appearing in newspapers in the entente countries of the sinking of the armored cruiser Derfflinger, the small cruiser Frauenstern, 3,000-ton cruiser, off Winda, and two submarines in the Straits of Gibraltar. The statement denies reports of the destruction of a submarine by an aeroplane and the capture by the British of a new submarine recently commissioned at Stettin.

POLICE INVESTIGATING  
CANADIAN FIRE PLOTS

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—Police today are investigating an alleged attempt made last night to set fire to the plant of the Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Co., which recently announced that it is making shell casings for the entente allies. Several letters threatening destruction of the plant have been received by the officials of the company and placed in the hands of postal inspectors at St. Paul. A special watchman at the local machinery company's plant discovered and extinguished a fire in a pile of highly inflammable material which, it is said, had been thrown against the outer side of the main building.

SUMMERFIELD GIRLS  
TO HOLD TEA PARTY

The Summerfield Girls' club will hold an attractive tea at the home of their director, Miss Edna Wagner, 1079 Central Avenue on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. A color scheme of pink, the tables being lighted with pink shaded candles, will be carried out. Tea sandwiches and cakes may be had for a small sum which go toward buying a Christmas dinner for some worthy poor family. The 15 girls who comprise the club are working hard for the success of the venture and it is hoped that the public will respond to the general invitation to the tea party. The club does a considerable charitable work, sewing for the babies of the Fairfield Fresh Air Home, and looking after the wants of needy families who come to their notice during the year and particularly at Thanksgiving and Christmas time endeavoring to see that they are supplied with a little of the good cheer which goes to make those holidays happy ones.

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SCOUTMASTERS PUT  
CANDIDATES THROUGH  
SECOND CLASS QUIZ

A class of 16 boy scouts was examined in the second class requirements of scoutcraft last night at the First Baptist church by Scoutmasters Stanley Peans and Rev. Charles Findlay, assisted by Scoutmaster Robert Cunningham. The second class tests cover a variety of work, athletic, signalling, first aid, observation tests, judgment tests and other matters. Scout Commissioner E. E. Cortright has interested several physicians in the movement and in both the second class test I elementary first aid and the advanced first aid in the first class tests, the work is now given by physicians. The boys last night were examined by Dr. F. L. Day and Dr. E. B. Ives. The following boys, from Troops 18 and 20, made up the class: Paul Cleland, Nelson Burroughs, Oscar Mattison, Nelson Canfield, Harold Runyan, Henry Hurlburt, Fred Borg, Ferris Borg, John Wheway, Alexander Hamilton, Wesley Baylis, Roydon Pratt, Weston Watt, Edward Ducharme, Harry Lyon, Ralph Burgess.

WESTON MEETING TO DISCUSS  
GOOD ROADS PLANS HERE

The Fairfield County Farm Bureau, in co-operation with Norfield Grange, Norfield Improvement Association and the Weston Civic League, will hold a good roads meeting in the town hall, Weston, on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Various phases of the subject will be handled by the following speakers: Charles H. Plump, chairman, Fairfield County Good Roads committee; Sheriff Simeon E. Pease; William C. Johnson, ex-selectman of Newtown. The meeting will be thrown open for general discussion. This is the first of a series of meetings to be held in all the towns in the county in the interest of improved country roads.

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White and Fancy Blouses ..... 29c

75c Knee Pants ..... 39c

59c Jersey Leggings, Black, 15 button models ..... 29c

Boys' \$7 Mackinaws ..... \$4.95

New Sport Coats

Belted, patent pockets, new mixtures. \$7 values ..... \$3.95

\$22.50 Corduroy Coats

Three-quarter models, full flare, fur collar, in brown, green, and navy ..... \$14.95

\$15 Zibeline Coats

Belted model, plush collar, black only ..... \$9.95

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